

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## Sequim Volunteers in Police Service Provide Support to Project Lifesaver



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) who provide support to the Project Lifesaver Program: Bill Hegarty, Jane Andersen, and Mark Schildknecht.

### Help to Protect Your Loved Ones!

The Project Lifesaver program helps to protect and locate loved ones of all ages who may wander due to autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's or other cognitive disorders.

Project Lifesaver is a national program using short-range radio tracking techniques (methods) to assist in locating a missing person. A participant or client is fitted (wrist or ankle) with a watch-size radio transmitter, emitting a unique signal once a second. When 9-1-1



Program participants wear a wrist (or ankle) watch-size radio transmitter emitting a unique signal.

dispatchers are notified of a missing client, local teams quickly initiate a search, using tracking equipment tuned to the client's transmitter frequency. Typical searches have taken less than 30 minutes, although this can depend on how quickly the search is initiated and the mobility of the client.

The program is jointly managed through the Sequim Police Department and the Clallam County Sheriff's Department and is available through generous funding from the Ray and Donna Guerin Family Foundation. If you live in Clallam County, any adult or child who is prone to wander due to Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, Down syndrome or other related cognitive impairment is a candidate for Project Lifesaver.

For a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, Project Lifesaver can help to provide peace of mind to families knowing that their loved ones have protection and safety if they wander.

If you know of someone in our community that could potentially wander from home and lose their way back, they could be a candidate for Project Lifesaver. For additional information or to sign up, call 360-683-7227.

To learn more about how you can volunteer with the City and make a difference in the community, contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or [kkuznek@sequimwa.gov](mailto:kkuznek@sequimwa.gov).